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FOR A TWO-STEP RESIST SOFT  
BAKE TO PREVENT ILD  
OUTGASSING DURING  
SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on May 15, 2009, Applicants have chosen to reopen prosecution of the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks and amendments set forth below.